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This contribution examines the role of gender regarding memoirs by former Kinder-transportees and other child refugees who fled to the UK. It will discuss the different experiences of male and female Kinder-transportees and the different ways male and female authors represent these experiences, and the issue of memoirs as social history sources as well as literary narratives. Embedding the discussion in wider debates on Holocaust Studies and memory literature by refugees and exiles, it will give examples of gendered memory narratives from a number of Kindertransport memoirs.